Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission

SUO-MOTU

In the matter of designating Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam ('RVUNL') as the Nodal Agency in respect of the development of the Renewable Energy Projects being implemented by RVUNL in the Rajasthan State.

> <u>Coram:</u> Dr. B.N. Sharma, Chairman Shri Hemant Kumar Jain, Member Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Member

Date of Order:

13.04.2023

1. Commission under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act,2003 is mandated to promote generation of electricity from the renewable sources of energy.

2. It is brought to the notice of the Commission that Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam ('RVUNL') is in the process of developing 810 MW Solar Power Project at Pugal in Bikaner District and an MoU has also been signed between Coal India Limited and RVUN on 13.10.2022for setting up of another 1190 MW capacity project.

3. It has also been brought to notice that presently, Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited ('RREC') is the Nodal Agency, which is responsible for taking care of all activities related to renewable energy generation in the State. Essentially all the proposals of RVUN's Solar Project viz., land allotment, water allocation and power evacuation etc. are required to be routed through and recommended by RREC.

4. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ('MNRE'), Gol, has also designated CPSUs such as SECI, NTPC, IREDA and NHPC as the implementing agencies for the development of renewable energy projects at a faster rate. Further, while these CPSUs are reaping several benefits also by way of earning trading margin.

5. The Commission is of the view that in case RVUNL is designated as the Nodal Agency for the solar projects being implemented by them, the projects implementation will take place in a timely and efficient manner at a faster pace.

6. Accordingly, in order to expedite the implementation of the renewable energy projects in the State, Commission in pursuance to the functions assigned to it under Section 86(2) read with Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, strongly advises the State Government to designate the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited ('RVUNL') as the nodal agency for the renewable energy projects being developed by them in the State.

7. Copy of this order be sent to the State Govt. and may also be placed on the Commission's website.

(Dr. Rajesh Sharma) Member (Hemant Kumar Jain) Member (Dr. B. N. Sharma) Chairman